

From The President **THANKS!**

Anyone who visited the Old Fashioned Fourth of July and realized that the entire event was organized by volunteers and staged with volunteer labor knows that Crescent Hill has plenty of people willing to go out of their way to help their neighborhood. One individual deserves special credit, however, both for the work he does for the Old Fashioned Fourth of July and for the extraordinary effort he puts out for the neighborhood the rest of the year.

Three years ago, Gene Heustis suggested that the Crescent Hill Community Council sponsor an Antique Car Parade & Show as part of its annual Old Fashioned Fourth of July. The Council's Board of Directors was enthusiastic about the idea, because the event was drawing large crowds in the evening but much smaller crowds in the afternoon. To pay for the fireworks and the other fixed costs, we clearly needed something which would draw a crowd earlier in the day.

Gene hasn't quit working on the Antique Car Parade & Show since he first suggested the idea. This year, 67 antique and special interest cars participated in the parade. There were more spectators along the parade route than in years past, and the crowd which arrived at the Peterson-Dumesnil House shortly after the cars was huge. Gene's idea -- and his hard work -- paid off in a great neighborhood celebration.

Gene's work for the Council goes far beyond the antique car parade, however. Month in and month out, Gene single-handedly sells advertisements for this newsletter. His efforts have made the newsletter self supporting, allowing the Council to spend your money on neighborhood improvements, instead of the publication of a newsletter.

Many of you know Gene. The next time you see him, tell him you appreciate this efforts. He deserves a big pat on the back.

Bill Hollander
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Dear Crescent Hill Neighbor:

It has been a long road from 1988 when monies were first appropriated to make the Crescent Hill Branch Library handicapped accessible and add a 1500 square foot addition. Many delays, such as inaccurate estimates, the redefining of space needs, and the Carnegie design of the building, among others, have put this project on hold.

In order to get an accurate picture of the needs of the Crescent Hill Branch, I asked the Public Works Department to prepare a multi-phased plan with estimates that includes handicapped accessibility, critical repairs, major renovation, and the addition of a rear entrance. The estimate for the first three phases, which deal solely with construction and renovation, amounts to \$637,000.

In order to fund this project, several sources of dollars are being used. The Friends of the Crescent Hill Library are to be commended for their ongoing successful fundraising drive. They secured \$25,000 from County Commissioner Tom Eifler and \$25,000 from an anonymous donor. These dollars will be added to the original \$171,000 that was appropriated in 1988 by the City of Louisville.

To supplement the above monies, I have appropriated an additional \$150,000 from the First Ward Neighborhood Projects Reserve Fund. These are dollars that are available in each ward for capital construction projects such as sidewalks, parks, equipment, and other neighborhood enhancement projects. In addition to these funds, I worked vigorously on your behalf to get an additional \$270,000 placed in the 1992-93 Capital Budget for the Crescent Hill Branch Library. This brings the amount of monies appropriated by government for this project to \$616,000.

Together with the monies raised by the Friends of the Crescent Hill Library and City Government, we now have enough money to begin and complete the construction and renovation work for the Crescent Hill Library. The Public Works Department is now working with the assigned architects, Tucker & Booker Architects. They have estimated that you will be able to see preliminary sketches sometime in September, construction drawings in December and a ground breaking in January 1993!

But there is still more work to do for the Crescent Hill Branch Library. The two remaining phases of the plan include furniture (Phase IV) and miscellaneous items (Phase V). Phase IV will ideally be put into place after the construction is completed since it chiefly involves shelving. Phase V is something you might personally want to think about if you are considering a gift to the Library. This Phase includes items ranging from furniture needs to newspaper and magazine subscriptions, from needs for the children's area to the adult area, and enhancements for the community room and the staff area. If you would like a list of these enhancements for our branch, please call my office at 625-3100 and I will be glad to send you a copy (also see article on page 4).

I am extremely grateful to the staff of the Louisville Free Public Library, the staff of the Crescent Hill Branch Library, the organized and hard-working Friends of the Crescent Hill Library, the Crescent Hill Community Council, the Clifton Community Council, the Lexington Road Preservation Area, the Frankfort Avenue Business Association, the Public Works Department of City Government, County Commissioner Tom Eifler, an anonymous donor, all of the donors and members of the Friends of the Crescent Hill Library and to my legislative aide, Ken Hillebrand.

Working together we have been able to see the dream of an accessible and renovated branch come true. In the same fashion we will forge ahead and see that the needs of our branch are met in the future.

Sincerely,
Melissa
Melissa Mershon
First Ward Alderman
625-3100

Reservoir Park Update

The residents of Reservoir Park have experienced quite a "metamorphosis" in our neighborhood recently. A real spirit of community pride has evidenced itself through the many beautification and improvement projects we see taking place continuously. Our "Yard of the Week" project has generated much enthusiasm and response among neighbors and their hard work has already given pleasure to all of us in the area. The winners of our "Yard of the Week" activity to date are:

Fenley Ave. - Kim and Ross Pusateri, Tammy Husted, Sally Tiller
N. Crestmoor Ave. - Mrs. & Mrs. F. Fischer, and
Mr. & Mrs. H. Omer

Eastbourne - Ms. Joyce Coats
Blackburn Ave. - Bill & Linda Ottman
Randolph Ave. - Suzanne & David Kiser
Claremont Ave. - Mickey & Julie Patterson, Larry Askins and
P. McNease, Margaret Baugh

Congratulations and thanks for your involvement.

A further addition in our quest for beautification has been reached by the planting of additional trees on the grassy median strips on Blackburn Avenue. Our special thanks go to Alan Bishop, city arborist, for working with our Centennial Committee to best enhance the appearance of this area. We will enjoy the dogwood trees for many years to come and look forward to commemorating our centennial in a special way through the ceremonial "planting" of our dedication tree - a flowering pear. We remind residents that there should be no parking on or between the medians.

The "crowning jewel" of our Reservoir Park Centennial Celebration plan has been the installation of our new neighborhood entrance signs at Fenley, Blackburn and Claremont Avenues. Their attractiveness has added greatly to the overall appearance of the neighborhood as well as identifying us as such. We must again offer our sincere thanks to Melissa Mershon for not only making our goal of new entrance signs a reality, but her commitment to our neighborhood. Her efforts to work with our Centennial Committee through sign design selection, installation of signs and involvement of Operation Brightside in the landscaping of the areas surrounding the signs is to be applauded. We in Reservoir Park, being the furthest area east in Crescent Hill, now feel we are part of the beautification effort extended along Frankfort Avenue. We feel Melissa has been an agent of positive change in our community and appreciate the support she has shown Reservoir Park in our Centennial activities. We are pleased that Melissa will be celebrating with us on September 12th and will take part in our dedication ceremonies.

One unfortunate happening regarding the new entrance signs should be noted. The sign on Fenley Avenue was vandalized after being up less than two weeks. This thoughtless act has not dampened the spirit of neighbors and we are hopeful that funds for a replacement sign can be raised before September.

We are again soliciting items to be used in our exhibit on Centennial Day. If you have any bits of memorabilia you are willing to place on loan for one day only, please contact Shirley Botkins or Pat Schmidt 896-4516.

We are inviting any residents who wish to serve on the Hospitality, Exhibit, Picnic Area, Dedication, Directory or Activities Committee for an hour or two on Centennial Day, September 12th to contact Pat Schmidt, 896-4516, Sunny Cornell, 893-9228 or Sue Ritman, 897-5784 to volunteer. We need helpers for these committees. Please plan to be a part of our celebration.

Residents interested in ordering a mug with our Reservoir Park logo on it may do so by ordering them at Pottery Rowe, 2048 Frankfort Avenue, 896-0877. Cost \$6.00, with name \$7.00. Tee shirts with the same logo (as seen on neighborhood signs) may also be ordered. Shirts are beige with maroon logo. Contact Barbara Hall, 454-6720 to place order.

Further information regarding the schedule for Centennial Day will be in next month's newsletter.

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